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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicant respectfully calls the Examiner's attention to the information
attached hereto and listed in the attached PTO Form 1449. Specifically, attached
hereto are copies of: (a) a letter from Andrew Chin dated October 28, 2003 (received

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November 4, 2003) calling our attention to a CD-ROM document produced by Dr. Chin entitled "On the preparation and utilization of isolated and purified oligonucleotides"; (b) a hard copy of the initial portion of the text file stored on the CD-ROM that was included with the letter; (c) a letter dated November 7, 2003 which the undersigned sent to the Kathrine R. Everett Law Library; (d) a letter dated November 11, 2003 from Anne Klinefelter of the Kathrine R. Everett Law Library to the undersigned; and (e) an online catalog record of Dr. Chin's CD-ROM that the undersigned recently found on the internet. Also attached hereto is a Computer readable form copy of the CD-ROM provided by Dr. Chin.

Applicant respectfully submits that the attached copy of the CD-ROM satisfies the provisions of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) for a legible copy of the information insofar as a computer readable form copy (and not a paper copy) is what has allegedly been deposited with the aforementioned law library. However, if it is considered that the applicable rule requires a computer readable form copy of the information, Applicant hereby petitions for a waiver of the rule and acceptance of the paper copy insofar as, according to Dr. Chin's letter of October 28, 2003, the CD-ROM contains several million oligonucleotides and acceptance of the computer readable form copy would facilitate both submission by the Applicant and consideration of the information by the USPTO. In the event a waiver of the rule is required, Applicant also hereby petitions for waiver of any petition fee insofar as the information is being submitted in connection with nineteen (19) applications of the Applicant and submission of a petition fee for each application would constitute an undue and unfair expense.

With respect to the weight, if any, that should be accorded the information, Applicant respectfully notes that, although it is alleged that the CD-ROM has been cataloged and shelved, it does not appear that the information has been indexed in any meaningful way that would make the information reasonably accessible to the public. In particular, the online catalog record of the CD-ROM, even assuming for the sake of argument that it was available online prior to the filing date of the present application, lists the title, author and subject, but this information does not provide the public with any indication as to what specific oligonucleotides, if any, might be disclosed in the CD-ROM or how to find any particular oligonucleotide that is disclosed. In fact, since the information in the CD-ROM has not been indexed in any meaningful way, the public would not have a ready way to find a particular oligonucleotide from among the millions of oligonucleotides present. Under these circumstances, it is respectfully submitted that the information was not reasonably accessible to the public such that the CD-ROM is not citable as a publication against the present application (see *In re Cronyn*, 13 USPQ 2d 1070, 1072 (Fed. Cir. 1989)).

Respectfully submitted,



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OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Dates, Etc.)

	AR	"On the preparation and utilization of isolated and purified oligonucleotides" [electronic resource], Andrew Chin, allegedly deposited in UNC library on March 14, 2002, date of publication, if any, is in question.
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